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R 180515Z JUL 76
FM AMEMBASSY MUSCAT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2231
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

S E C R E T MUSCAT 0864

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DEPT PASS CINCUSNAVEUR AND CINCPAC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MU UK
SUBJECT; MASIRAH P-3 FLIGHTS

REF (A) MUSCAT 0852; (B) STATE 173895

1. PLEASE ADVISE PRIORITY ACTUAL DEPARTURE TIME FROM MASIRAH
OF FIRST P-3 FLIGHT. LATEST WORD RECEIVED HERE WAS FROM
CTF 72, DTG 141132Z JUL 76 INDICATING PROBABLE DEPARTURE
AT 0630Z JULY 16.

2. REQUEST 72 HOURS NOTICE OF SUCCEEDING USN FLIGHTS IN
ORDER TTHAT EMBASSY CAN SEEK CLEARANCE FROM OMANI FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND IN TIMELY MANNER INKBRM BRITISH EMBASSY
MUSCAT, WHOSE DEFENSE OR AIR ATTACHE MUST THEN COMMUNICATE
NECESSARY INFORMATION TO RAF MASIRAH. (JULY 14 FLIGHT
APPARENTLY WAS ON GROUND AT MASIRAH ONLY 12 HOURS AFTER
EITHER WE OR BRITISH EMBASSY MUSCAT KNEW IT WAS COMING.
THIS MADE OUR NOTIFICATION TO OMANGOV AT LOCAL LEVEL AN
"AFTER-THE-FACT" AFFAIR WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN EMBARRASSING.)
BY OBTAINING ADEQUATE ADVANCE AUTHORITY FROM OMANIS FOR
EACH FLIGHT WE CAN FCST ESTABLISH THE PATTERN OF USE
THAT IS DESIRED AS WELL AS FACILITATE RECEPTION
ARRANGEMENTS AT RAF SALAH.

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